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WHOA!
YOU THINK SOMEONE LITTERED?
ATTENTION, YOU IN THE BANK!
THE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED! GIVE YOURSELF UP!
NOT A CHANCE!
I'M THE CHALLENGER! AN' YOU AIN'T TAKIN' MY CHALLENGE -- NOT WHILE I GOT PEOPLE IN HERE!
MOVE ALONG, FOLKS! WE HAVE A HOSTAGE SITUATION HERE. THINGS COULD GET DANGEROUS!
NO PROBLEM, OFFICER.
GEE, WE CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE DANGEROUS...
NOPE. NOT US...
GUESS I'D BETTER MOVE ALONG --

-- AND I DO MEAN MOVE ALONG --
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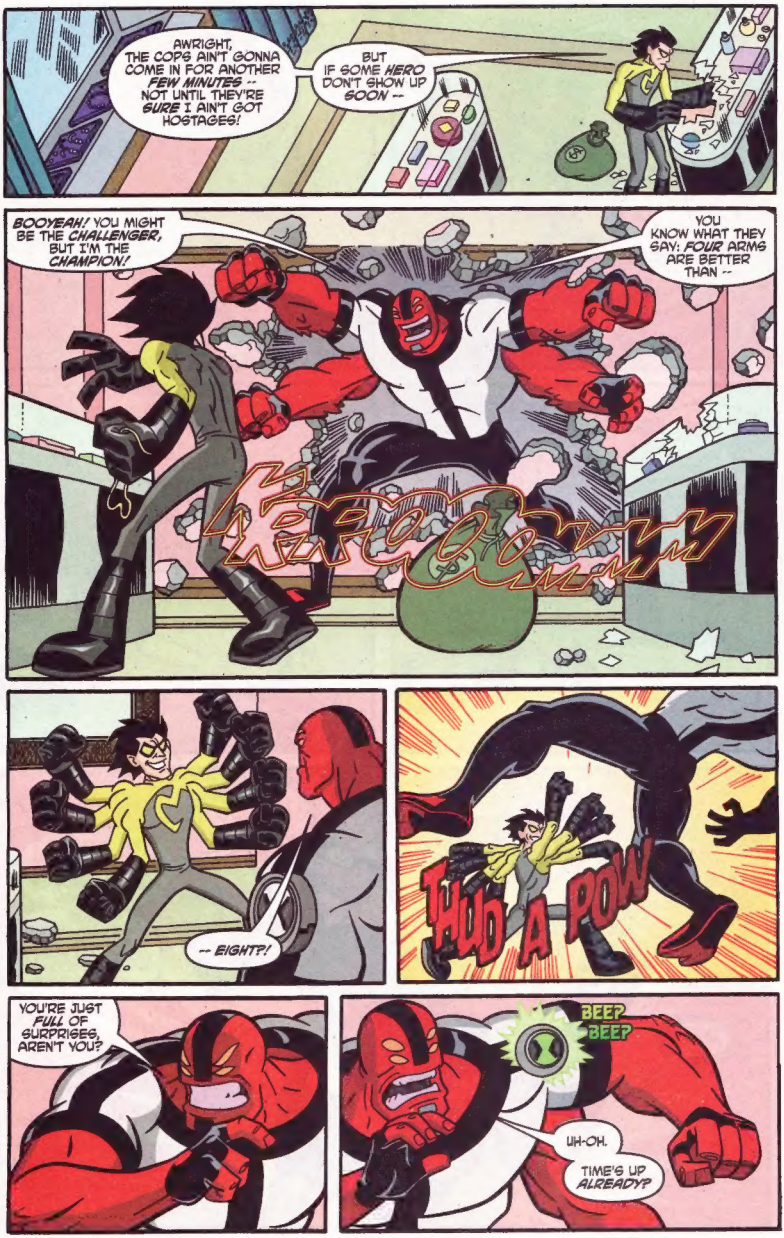
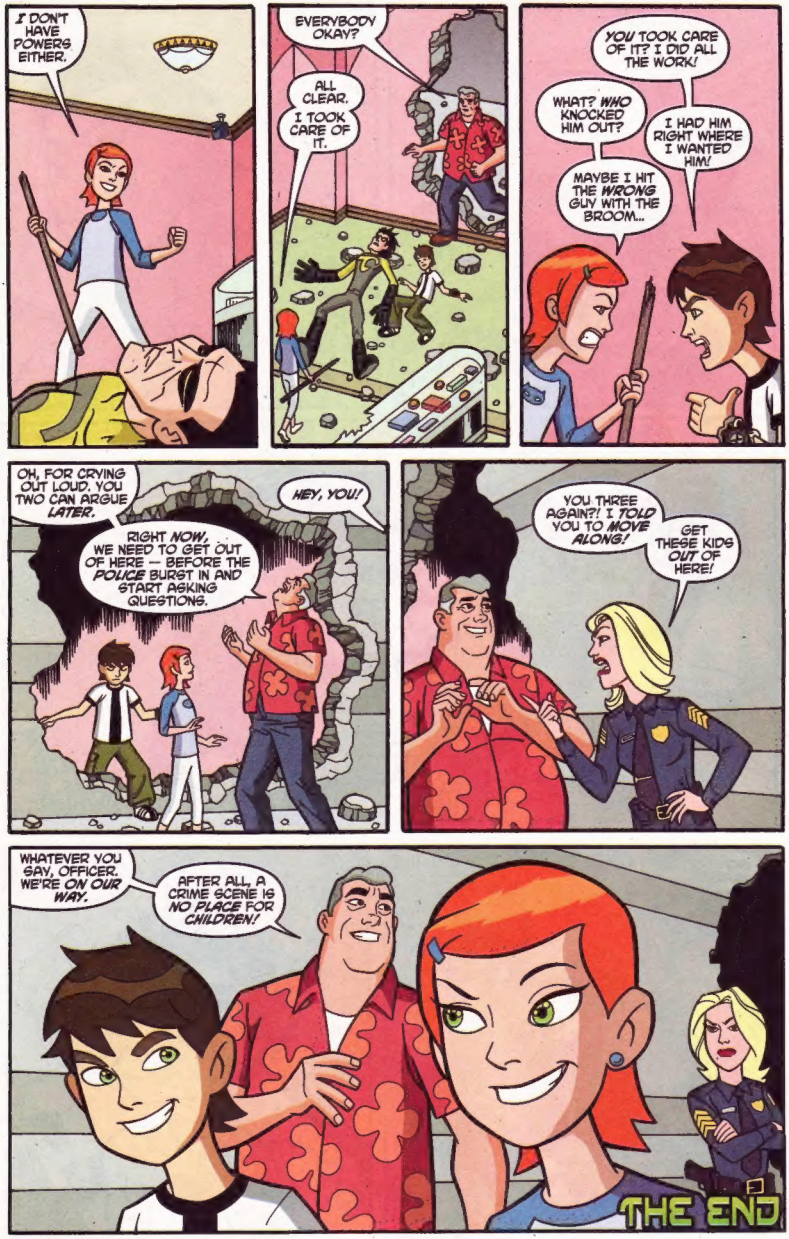
SOME KINDA SUPER-HERO?
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
NO PROB.
WHA-? C-CAN'T KEEP MY FOOTING!
H-HEY!
WWHOOOAAA!
SPLUDD
AN' THAT'S WHATCHA CALL A SLICK GETAWAY!
W-WHOOPS!
WATCH OUT!

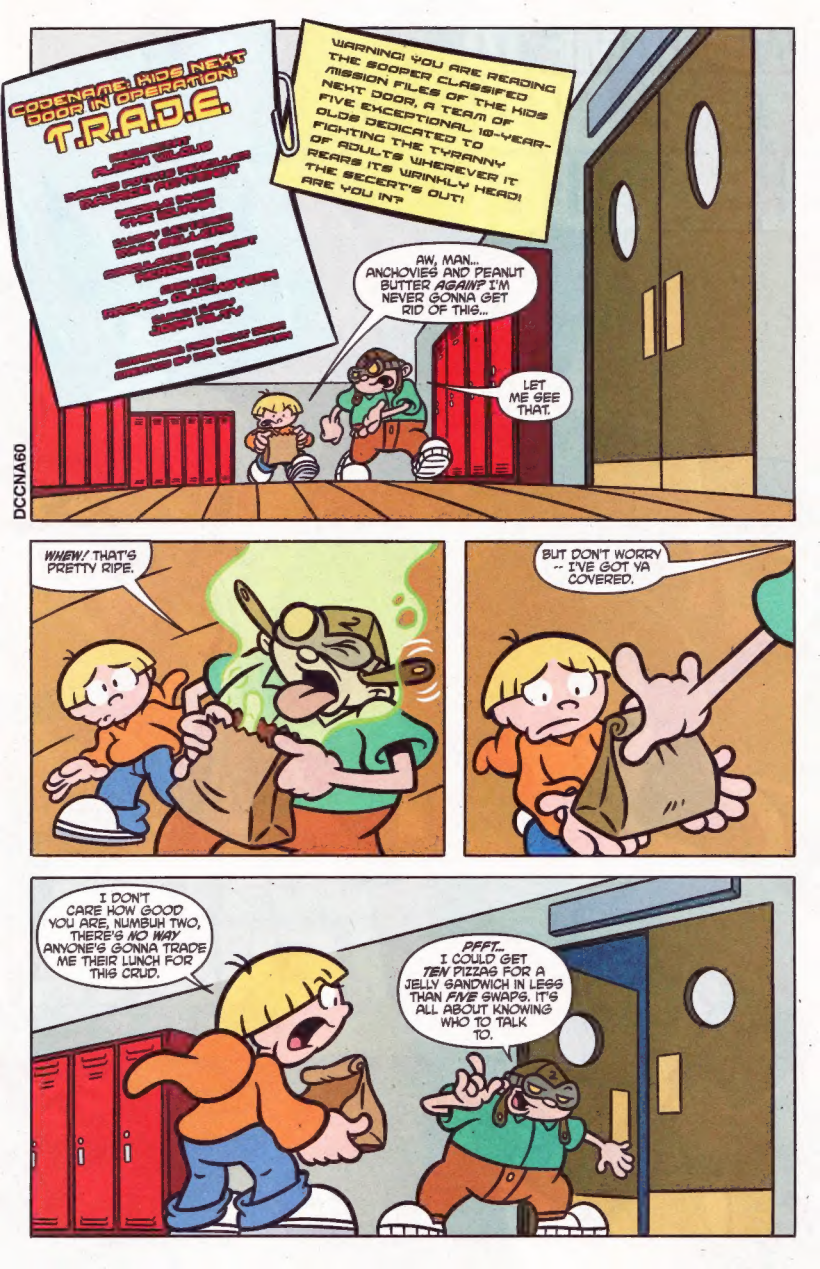
LATER...
...SO BY THE TIME I SLID OVER TO SOMEPLACE I COULD STAND, HE WAS LONG GONE.
HE REALLY GAVE YOU THE SLIP, HUH?
NOT SURPRISING. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT, BUT HIS PATH IS NEARLY FRICTIONLESS!
UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH, IT LOOKS LIKE THE TRAIL ENDS HERE.
RATS! SO MUCH FOR TRACKING HIM...
ANY OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS FOR FINDING HIM, EINSTEIN?
WEOWEOWEOWEOWEO
OLICE
YEAH, MAYBE ONE.
BUT THIS TIME, LET'S TRY SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T RELY SO MUCH ON HIS FEET --
BIJOU FINE GEMS AND JEWELRY
-- LIKE FOUR ARMS!


AWRIGHT, THE COPS AIN'T GONNA COME IN FOR ANOTHER FEW MINUTES -- NOT UNTIL THEY'RE SURE I AIN'T GOT HOSTAGES!
BUT IF SOME HERO DON'T SHOW UP SOON --
BOOYEAH! YOU MIGHT BE THE CHALLENGER, BUT I'M THE CHAMPION!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: FOUR ARMS ARE BETTER THAN --
KRACK
-- EIGHT?!
THUD A POW
YOU'RE JUST FULL OF SURPRISES, AREN'T YOU?
BEEP BEEP
UH-OH.
TIME'S UP ALREADY?

LATER, DUDE! GOTTA GO!
HEY! WHERE YA GOIN'?!
COME BACK HE--
MY ARMS!
AW, THIS AIN'T GOOD...
LOOKING A LITTLE SHORT-HANDED, CHALLENGER!
AND I DON'T SEE YOU MAKING STUFF SLIPPERY ANYMORE, EITHER!
WHO-?
I'M GUESSING IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS OF YOUR OWN!
BUT WHEN YOU FIGHT SOMEONE WHO DOES, YOU SPROUT WHATEVER YOU NEED TO BEAT THEM, RIGHT?
NNGH!

PRETTY SMART, KID!
WHY D'YA THINK I STAGED SUCH FLASHY CRIMES? I NEEDED TO GRAB SOME SUPER-HERO'S ATTENTION --
-- SO I COULD GRAB THE POWER TO PULL IT OFF!
WHOOOFF!
BUT THAT MEANS PLAIN OLD BEN TENNYSON CAN TAKE YOU DOWN --
-- BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS!
NICE TRY, SQUIRT!
BUT NOW, PLAYTIME'S OV--
THWAK


I DON'T HAVE POWERS EITHER.
EVERYBODY OKAY?
ALL CLEAR. I TOOK CARE OF IT.
YOU TOOK CARE OF IT? I DID ALL THE WORK!
WHAT? WHO KNOCKED HIM OUT?
I HAD HIM RIGHT WHERE I WANTED HIM!
MAYBE I HIT THE WRONG GUY WITH THE BROOM...
OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. YOU TWO CAN ARGUE LATER.
HEY, YOU!
RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE — BEFORE THE POLICE BURST IN AND START ASKING QUESTIONS.
YOU THREE AGAIN?! I TOLD YOU TO MOVE ALONG!
GET THESE KIDS OUT OF HERE!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, OFFICER. WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
AFTER ALL, A CRIME SCENE IS NO PLACE FOR CHILDREN!
THE END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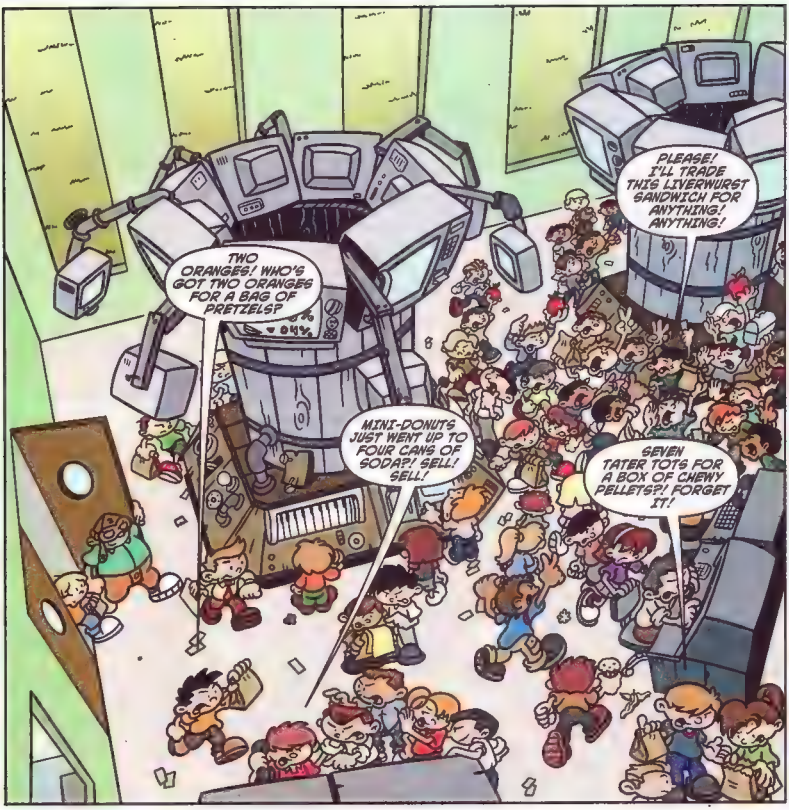
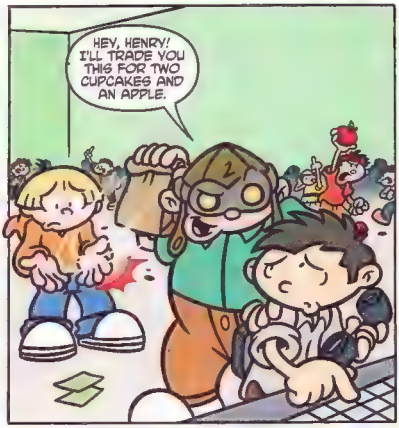
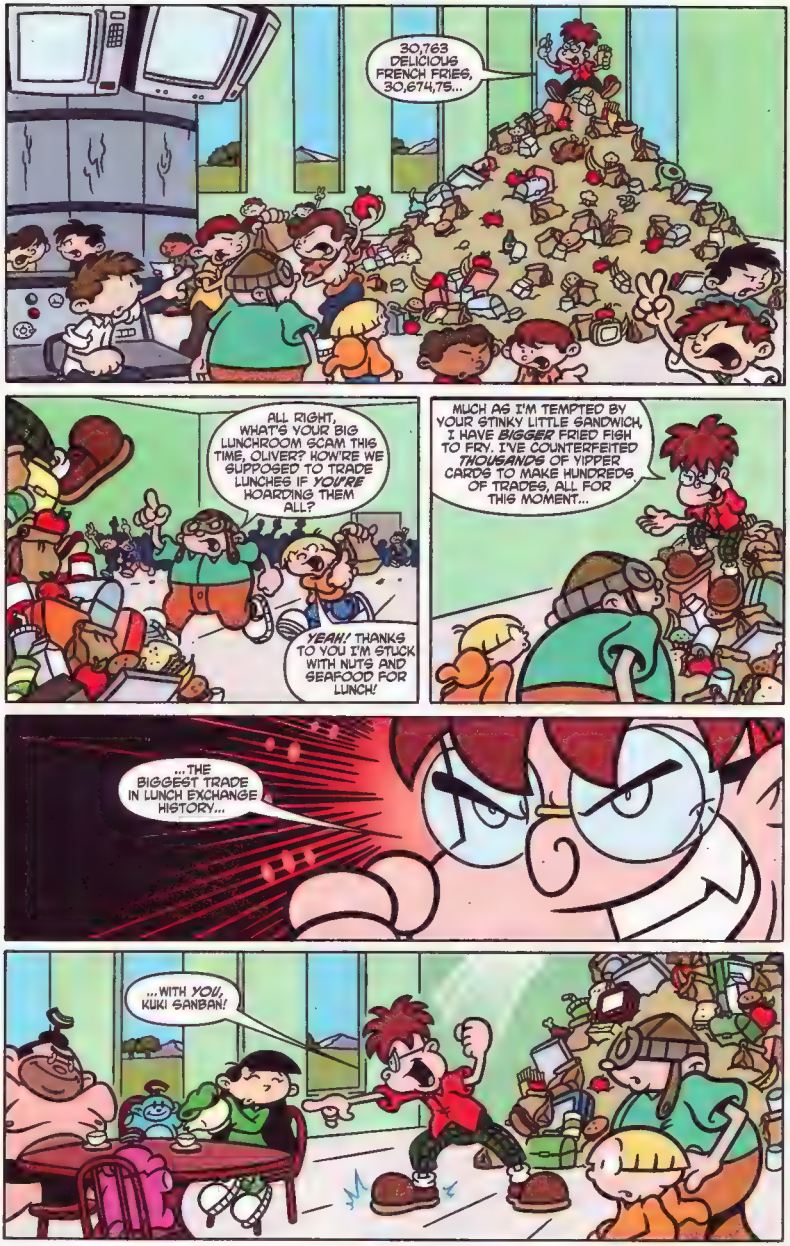
T.R.A.D.E.
WARNING! YOU ARE READING THE SOOPER CLASSIFIED MISSION FILES OF THE KIDS NEXT DOOR, A TEAM OF FIVE EXCEPTIONAL 10-YEAR-OLDS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING THE TYRANNY OF ADULTS WHEREVER IT REARS ITS WRINKLY HEAD! THE SECRET'S OUT! ARE YOU IN?
AW, MAN... ANCHOVIES AND PEANUT BUTTER AGAIN? I'M NEVER GONNA GET RID OF THIS...
LET ME SEE THAT.
DCCNA60
WHEW! THAT'S PRETTY RIPE.
BUT DON'T WORRY -- I'VE GOT YA COVERED.
I DON'T CARE HOW GOOD YOU ARE, NUMBUH TWO, THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE'S GONNA TRADE ME THEIR LUNCH FOR THIS CRUD.
PFFT... I COULD GET TEN PIZZAS FOR A JELLY SANDWICH IN LESS THAN FIVE SWAPS. IT'S ALL ABOUT KNOWING WHO TO TALK TO.


TWO ORANGES! WHO'S GOT TWO ORANGES FOR A BAG OF PRETZELS?
MINI-DONUTS JUST WENT UP TO FOUR CANS OF SODA?! SELL! SELL!
SEVEN TATER TOTS FOR A BOX OF CHEWY PELLETS?! FORGET IT!
PLEASE! I'LL TRADE THIS LIVERWURST SANDWICH FOR ANYTHING! ANYTHING!

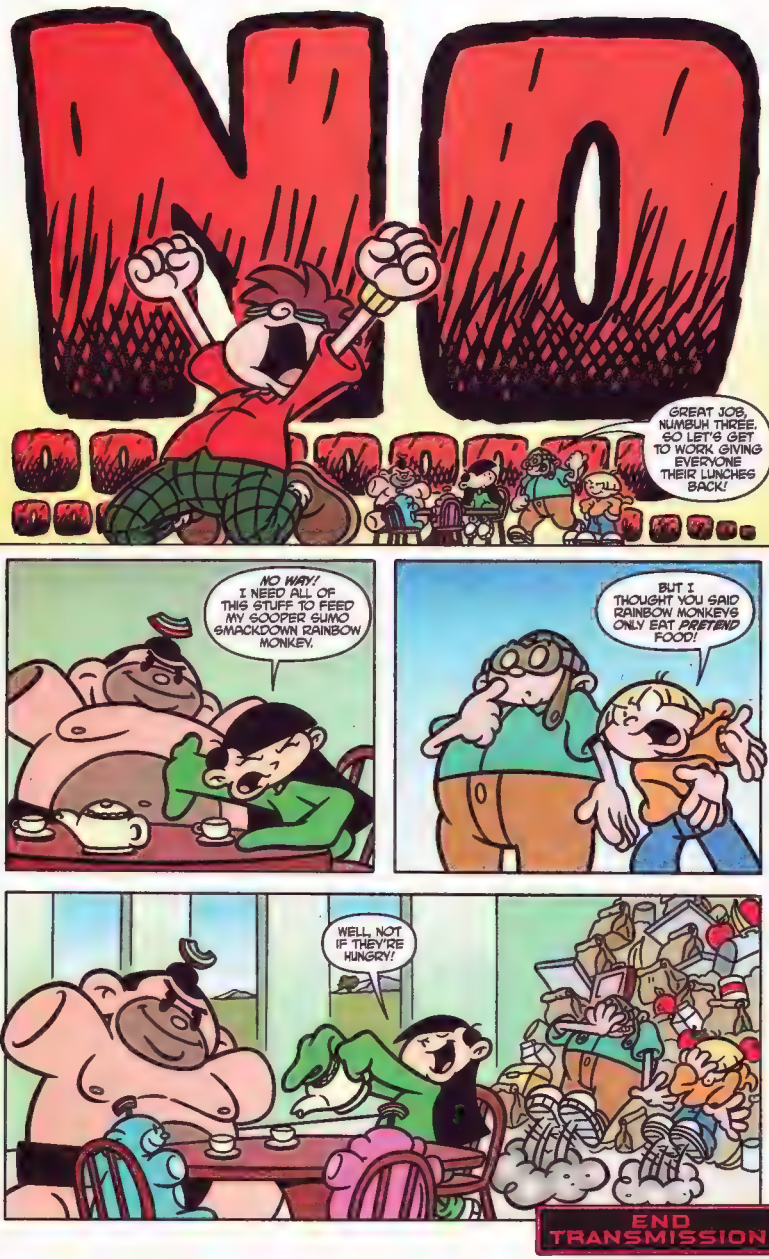
THE GALLAGHER ELEMENTARY LUNCH EXCHANGE... BRINGS A TEAR TO YOUR EYE, DOESN'T IT?
ONLY IF I'M SMELLING THAT SANDWICH.

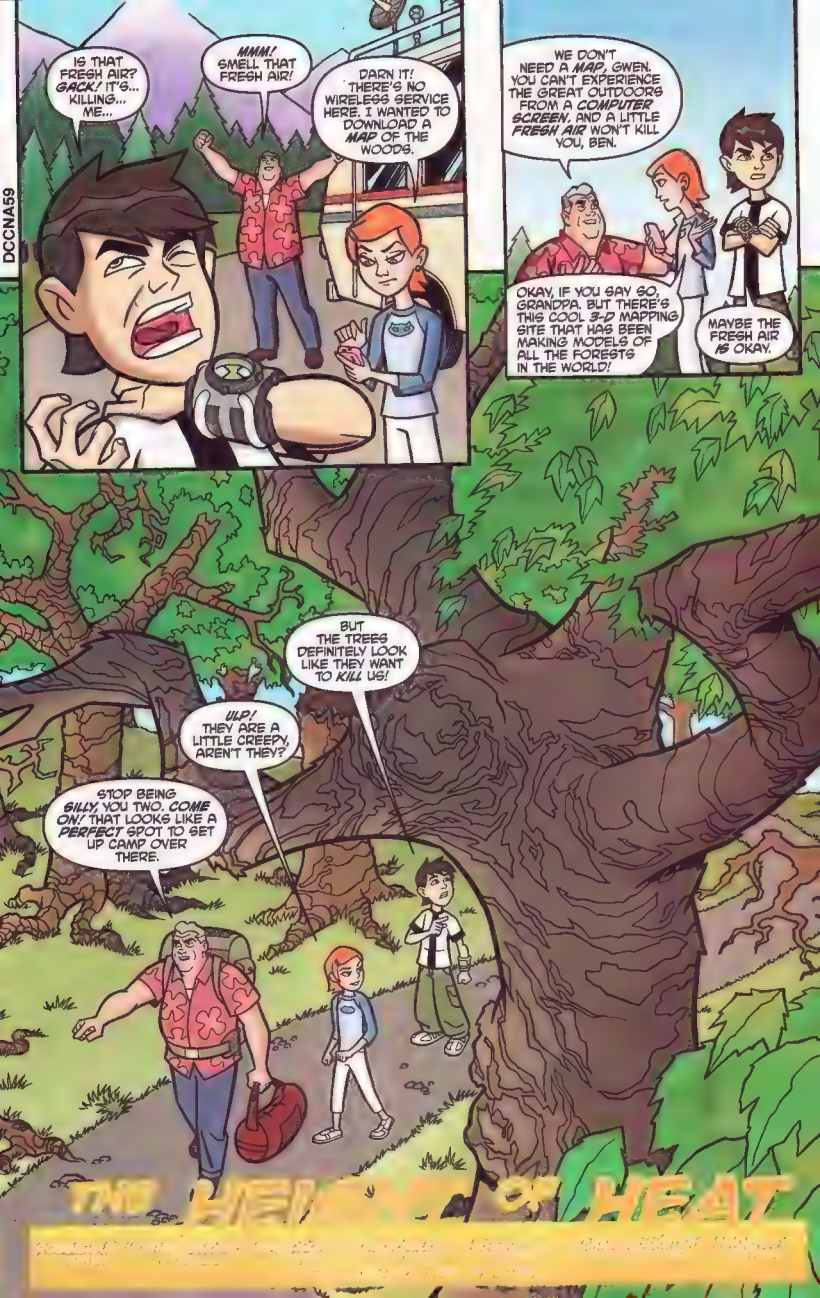

HEY, HENRY! I'LL TRADE YOU THIS FOR TWO CUPCAKES AND AN APPLE.

WOW! PEANUT BUTTER AND ANCHOVY, RIGHT? THAT'S MY FAVORITE!
BUT I'M SORRY, HOAGIE... I ALREADY TRADED AWAY MY LUNCH...
...FOR THESE SOOPER TRIPLE ULTRA RARE YIPPER CARDS!
YIP!
LET ME SEE THOSE...
HEEEEEEYYYYY.... THESE ARE FAKE! WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?
F-FROM THAT KID OVER THERE!

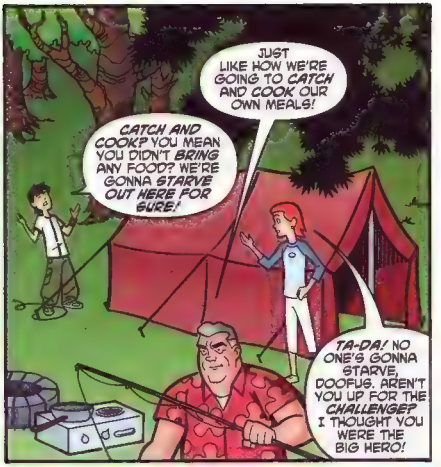

30,763 DELICIOUS FRENCH FRIES, 30,674,75...
ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S YOUR BIG LUNCHROOM SCAM THIS TIME, OLIVER? HOW'DE WE SUPPOSED TO TRADE LUNCHES IF YOU'RE HOARDING THEM ALL?
YEAH! THANKS TO YOU I'M STUCK WITH NUTS AND SEAFOOD FOR LUNCH!
MUCH AS I'M TEMPTED BY YOUR STINKY LITTLE SANDWICH, I HAVE BIGGER FRIED FISH TO FRY. I'VE COUNTERFEITED THOUSANDS OF YIPPER CARDS TO MAKE HUNDREDS OF TRADES, ALL FOR THIS MOMENT...
...THE BIGGEST TRADE IN LUNCH EXCHANGE HISTORY...
...WITH YOU, KUKI SANBAN!

OK...I'VE COLLECTED ALL THE LUNCHES I COULD FIND, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL SAUERBRATEN'S! NOW WILL YOU TRADE ME YOUR YUMMYLICCIOUS PIZZA BAGELS?
LOOK, OLIVER, I KEEP TELLING YOU...I NEED THESE PIZZA BAGELS FOR MY TEA PARTY!
AW, C'MON! JUST ONE!
FOR ALL OF THIS?
SIGH FINE, IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES FOR YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE!
HERE -- TAKE THEM!
B-B-BUT THERE'S NOTHING ON HERE!
OF COURSE THERE ISN'T, SILLY! RAINBOW MONKEYS ONLY EAT PRETEND FOOD. DUH.
LUNCH
SODA


NO
GREAT JOB, NUMBUH THREE. SO LET'S GET TO WORK GIVING EVERYONE THEIR LUNCHES BACK!
NO WAY! I NEED ALL OF THIS STUFF TO FEED MY SOOPER SUMO SMACKDOWN RAINBOW MONKEY.
BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID RAINBOW MONKEYS ONLY EAT PRETEND FOOD!
WELL, NOT IF THEY'RE HUNGRY!
END TRANSMISSION


IS THAT FRESH AIR? GACK! IT'S... KILLING... ME...
MMM! SMELL THAT FRESH AIR!
DARN IT! THERE'S NO WIRELESS SERVICE HERE. I WANTED TO DOWNLOAD A MAP OF THE WOODS.
WE DON'T NEED A MAP, GWEN. YOU CAN'T EXPERIENCE THE GREAT OUTDOORS FROM A COMPUTER SCREEN, AND A LITTLE FRESH AIR WON'T KILL YOU, BEN.
OKAY, IF YOU SAY SO, GRANDPA. BUT THERE'S THIS COOL 3-D MAPPING SITE THAT HAS BEEN MAKING MODELS OF ALL THE FORESTS IN THE WORLD!
MAYBE THE FRESH AIR IS OKAY.
BUT THE TREES DEFINITELY LOOK LIKE THEY WANT TO KILL US!
ULP! THEY ARE A LITTLE CREEPY, AREN'T THEY?
STOP BEING SILLY, YOU TWO. COME ON! THAT LOOKS LIKE A PERFECT SPOT TO SET UP CAMP OVER THERE.

BEN! STOP MOVING! GO HELP GRANDPA. I CAN FINISH THE TENT MYSELF!
WHATEVER! THEY SHOULD JUST MAKE AN ELECTRONIC TENT. Y'KNOW, JUST PUSH A BUTTON AND IT POPS UP!
HA! BEN, PART OF THE FUN OF CAMPING IS ROUGHING IT.


JUST LIKE HOW WE'RE GOING TO CATCH AND COOK OUR OWN MEALS!
CATCH AND COOK? YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T BRING ANY FOOD? WE'RE GONNA STARVE OUT HERE FOR SURE!
TA-DA! NO ONE'S GONNA STARVE, DOOFUS. AREN'T YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE? I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE BIG HERO!

OH, IT'S LIKE THAT? I'M UP FOR ANY CHALLENGE! BRING IT ON, CUZ! BRING... IT...

...ON? WHOA!
THWOMP
BEN! WAIT... UGH!

HA HA HA! WE CAN FIX THE TENT LATER. LET'S GO CATCH US SOME LUNCH!

REMEMBER, FISHING IS ABOUT PATIENCE. IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE YOU GET A BITE; WHEN YOU DO, REEL IT IN FIRMLY AND STEADILY.
I'M READY FOR A BITE RIGHT NOW. I'M HUNGRY... HEY! DID YOU HEAR THAT? THOSE TREES WERE MOVING!
I THINK IT'S JUST YOUR STOMACH RUMBLING!

I GOT ONE, GRANDPA!
NICE CATCH, GWEN!
ME TOO! UH! I CAN'T GET HIM OUT...
DON'T PULL TOO HARD, BEN!
HEY! HELP!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FISH CAUGHT YOU! HEE!
YOU'LL GET THE NEXT ONE, BEN. TRY USING MY ROD.
SHEESH! OKAY, GRANDPA, I'LL TRY. BUT I STILL THINK A DRIVE-THRU IS BETTER AND DRIER.
I'LL GIVE YOU DRIER, BUT WAIT TILL YOU TASTE THESE BEAUTIES! ONCE WE COOK 'EM UP ON THE FIRE... MMMM! NOTHING BETTER!
WHIZZ!
WE'LL SEE. MAYBE IT WILL TASTE BETTER IF I CATCH MY OWN!
TRY FOR A LITTLE LONGER WHILE WE START THE FIRE.
GRANDPA! GWEN! THE TREES!
TOO LATE! THEY'RE ALL AROUND US! UGH! COUGH!
QUICK -- JUMP INTO THE WATER!
BEN! USE THE OMNITRIX!

I'M ON IT, GRANDPA! THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PERFECT JOB FOR...

...HEATBLAST?
SPRS
PSSSS

BEN, DO SOMETHING! QUICK!
GWEN, LOOK OUT! THE TREES AREN'T TREES AT ALL!
HA HA HA!

THEY'RE ALIENS! UH!
HUH?

UHHH...
GWEN! BEN, IT'S TOO HOT IN HERE FOR HER. MOVE THOSE HEAT MIGERS BACK!
WHAT GOOD IS A FIRE HERO IN A FIRE?
THE OPERATIVE WORD IS HERO, NOT FIRE. YOU CAN BEAT THESE ALIENS, BEN!
YOU WANT TO COOK MY FAMILY? THEN YOU'VE GOT TO TURN UP THE HEAT!
THAT'S IT... TURN UP THE... HEAT! YOU'VE GOT TO... BURN HOTTER THAN YOU EVER HAVE. IT WILL SUCK ALL OF THE OXYGEN... OUT OF THE WOODS AND EXTINGUISH THE ALIEN FIRE...
BUT HOW WILL YOU BREATHE?
WE'LL HOLD OUR BREATH.
OKAY! TIME TO BLOW YOU AWAY!
WHA-P ARRRRRGGHHH!
WHOOOOSH
DO IT NOW!

UGH! I'VE GOT TO GET HOTTER!
AAARRRGGHHH!
I CAN FEEL THE OXYGEN FUELING ME!
I CAN'T CONTROL IT...
HMPHHH...
AAAAAAHHHH!
UGHHH! I'VE GOTTA COOL OUT!
YOU GUYS HUNGRY? I'VE COOKED UP SOME FISH FOR US!
HA HA HA! I GUESS BEN GOT THE BIG CATCH OF THE DAY AFTER ALL!
WHOA! SO MUCH FOR DRIVE-THRU. I THINK YOU JUST INVENTED FLY-THRU!
THE END

SEND YOUR LETTERS TODAY!

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

DRAWING BY BECCA WILSON

Dear Johnny DC,

I love TEEN TITANS GO comics. I also like BEN 10. Will there ever be an issue with XLR8 in it? Anyway, I draw my own cartoon superheroes (I'm not very good with drawing guys, though). I'll send you a picture of one of them. Got any good tips for me?

P.S. The superhero drawing with my name on it (above) is my character. The other one (above right) is Stinkfly, from BEN 10.

Becca Wilson
Chandler, North Carolina

How did you like seeing XLR8 in this very issue? It's like we knew!

My advice is to keep drawing and you'll get better and better. You're on your way!
— Johnny DC

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Dear Johnny DC,

How did Four Arms get strong? How did the good alien who threw the watch to Earth catch the ten super aliens in the watch? A lot of kids say Diamondhead sucks, but I like him, he's great! My friend always draws Diamondhead.

P.S. You just call me Kevin, OK, Mr. DC?

Jean Kevin Fernandez, age 8
New York City, New York

My friends call me Johnny, and anyone who defends Diamondhead is a friend of mine! Four Arms is naturally strong; it's just how he is – just like Grey Matter is naturally small. We don't know the whole story about the Omnitrix (the watch) yet, Kevin - - keep watching and reading!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY JEAN KEVIN FERNANDEZ

Dear Johnny DC,

My favorite series? THE LIFE & TIMES OF JUNIPER LEE. I really like her in the story "Clean Sweep." It's funny when Juniper REALLY needs to clean up the dust bunnies. I want to say "great job" to the people who worked hard on "Clean Sweep."

When I see a cartoon show, I always make my own characters, like the one you see right now. She is the Tokyo Tens-wan-ze (I can't spell it, but I'm close).

Valeria Y. Navarro, age 13
Rio Rico, Arizona

You ARE close. We write it "Te Xuan Ze" which is another way of spelling a Chinese expression meaning "chosen one."
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY VALERIA NAVARRO

Dear Johnny DC,

What would you do if no one sent you a letter for three issues straight?

Trevor Spitzley
Lansing, Michigan

What? Kids not send me letters, when it's so easy to get your drawing or idea printed in this action-packed comic book? Well, just to pretend, I'd have to fill this page with something, right? Maybe I'd write a quiz about the ACTION PACK 'toons or print a drawing that a girl sent to a different comic book, but might fit in here anyway. You never know; maybe I'd even describe the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! But it's so much cooler to print stuff from the fans about BEN 10, SAMURAI JACK, CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR, and the rest!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY BECCA JOHNSON, AGE 11

Keep 'em coming!

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What happens when Ben meets his match? Or rather, his mimic? Plus, CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR!

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Red Raven is on the loose! It's up to the Titans to stop Raven's dark side from ruining the day!

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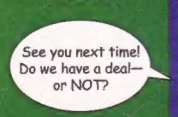

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